

# MLC MasterKey Investment Protection Have the confidence to live the retirement you want





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Have the confidence to live the retirement you want

Retirement used to be seen as a smooth ride and a time in your life to wind down. But retirement has changed... it's a whole new chapter in life.

You might learn a new language, go back to university or start running marathons. No matter what you want to do in retirement, it's important to think about how you'll make the most of it.

This includes making sure you have enough money for your retirement. In fact, we're living longer than ever, so you may need to fund more than 30 years in retirement.

And, for most of us, that means continuing to grow our savings, even once we're retired.

#### Invest your savings with confidence

Investing in the sharemarket is a key strategy to building the kind of wealth you need in retirement.

However as you get closer to retirement, your investment time horizon changes and market movements can have a greater effect.

So with all this in mind, how do you give yourself the confidence of achieving the kind of retirement you want?

It's called MLC MasterKey **Investment Protection**.

### **MLC MasterKey Investment Protection**

We've developed MLC MasterKey Investment Protection so you have the potential to grow your retirement savings, with the confidence of knowing your savings or income is protected even if the market falls.

MLC MasterKey Investment Protection is available through the MLC MasterKey Super & Pension Fundamentals product where it can be applied to your investment in selected investment options.

You can choose from two types of protection: Protected Capital or Protected Income.











# Protect and grow your capital

# **Benefits of Protected Capital**

Protect your savings over 10 or 20 years.

With Protected Capital you'll have the:

- security of knowing your investment is protected,
- confidence to invest in a diversified growth portfolio, and
- ability to grow your investment and lock in market gains each year.

### How it works

If you're aged 50 or above, you can invest in an eligible investment option with Protected Capital for a term of 10 or 20 years. This initial investment amount is the minimum you'll have at the end of your term.

If the market falls during this time you don't have to worry because your money is protected.

On the other hand, if the market goes up, whatever amount your investment has increased to on your investment anniversary date, is locked in. This is the new minimum amount you'll receive at the end of your term.

## Making the most of your protection

You can add the following extra options to your protection for an additional fee:

#### Additional Investment option

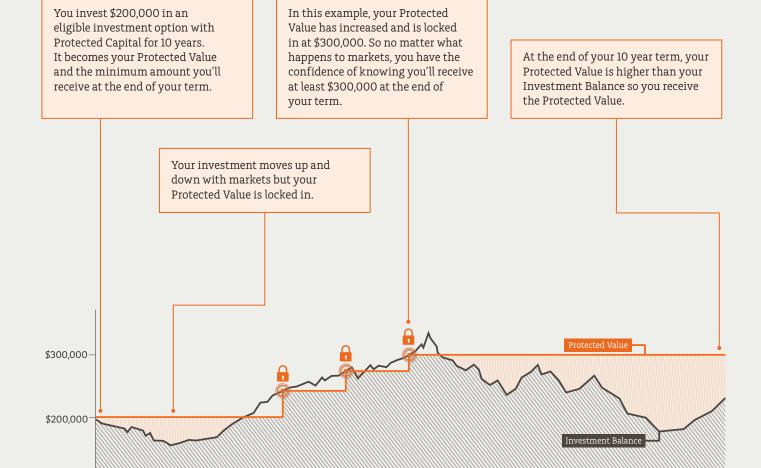
You can build and grow your retirement savings by adding to your protection each year while in super.

### **Death Benefit option**

You have the comfort of knowing that in the event of your death we'll pay your beneficiary the higher of your Protected Value or Investment Balance.

# Example of how it works

Year



🔓 Each year on your investment anniversary, if your Investment Balance is higher than your Protected Value, your Protected Value will increase and be locked in at this higher amount.

# Protect and grow your retirement income

#### **Benefits of Protected Income**

Protect your income over 10 or 20 years.

With Protected Income you'll have the:

- certainty of knowing your income is protected,
- confidence to invest in a diversified growth portfolio,
- potential to increase your Protected Payments, and
- choice of when you start receiving your income once you've retired.

#### How it works

If you're aged 50 or above, you can invest in an eligible investment option with Protected Income for a term of 10 or 20 years.

And, when you've reached your preservation age, you can choose when you'd like to start receiving your Protected Payments.

The initial investment amount is your Protected Value from which your Protected Payments are calculated.

If markets go up, your Protected Value has the potential to increase. Similarly, you can also add to your investment to increase your Protected Value.

And, once you start receiving your Protected Payments, you have the confidence of knowing your income is protected for the rest of your term.

# How we calculate your Protected Payments each year

10-year term: 10% of your Protected Value.

20-year term: 5% of your Protected Value.

## Making the most of your protection

You can add the following extra option to your protection for an additional fee:

### **Spouse Benefit**

To protect your loved ones, you can nominate your spouse to continue to receive your Protected Payments if you die.

# Example of how Protected Income works

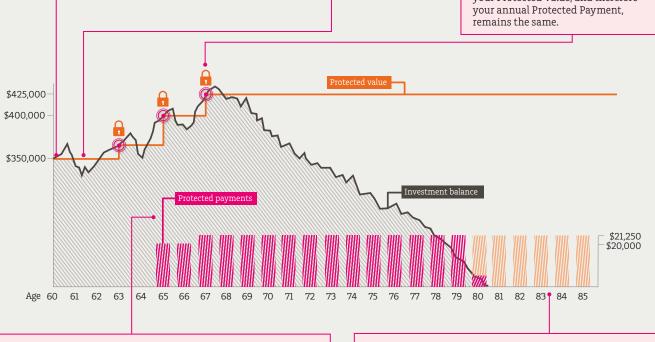
You have an MLC MasterKey Super Fundamentals account and invest \$350,000 in the MLC Balanced. You decide to retire in five years' time and protect your income for 20 years.

Your initial Investment Balance of \$350,000 is now protected.

Your Investment Balance moves with the investment performance of the MLC Balanced. On each protection anniversary, when your Investment Balance increases, your Protected Value is locked in at the larger amount. This is the new balance used to calculate your Protected Payments.

During the first two years of your term, your Protected Value increases from \$400,000 to \$425,000. This increases your Protected Payment each year to \$21,250 (5% of \$425,000) for the remainder of your term.

From this point onwards your Investment Balance decreases but your Protected Value, and therefore



You retire after five years and transfer to an MLC MasterKey Pension Fundamentals account. You also start your protection term and start Protected Payments. Your investment has performed well and your Protected Value has increased to \$400,000. This means you can take up to \$20,000 each year (5% of \$400,000) for the remainder of the term.

After 16 years, your Investment Balance runs out and no longer covers your Protected Payments.

Because you chose to protect your MLC Balanced for a 20 year term you continue to receive a Protected Payment of \$21,250 each year for the rest of the term.

Each year on your protection anniversary date, whenever your Investment Balance is more than your Protected Value, your Protected Value and Protected Payment amount increases and is locked in.



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### Changes we may make to your protection

We may need to change the protection features even after you've started your protection. Changes can happen at any time as a result of legislative or regulatory changes. Otherwise the changes listed below can only happen if certain events happen first, eg material or adverse long term changes in market or demographic conditions. Changes that may be made include:

- how often market gains may be 'locked-in', but the lock-in will be at least every two years

- reducing your protected income payments, if you choose an income for life, but by no more than 20%.